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Choirs Perform At Christmas Celebrations

Carolers Perform At Tree Lighting

The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Reynold C. Ellis, participated in the annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at Shaker Square on Friday, December 1.

The singers dressed informally, gathered at the Square at 7:30 p. m., and Donald Longnecker, president of A Cappella, helped arrange them upon bleachers. Mr. Ellis directed the choir in several carols, but the peformance was cut short for lack of time.

Woodrow the Woodsman

The rest of the program featured Woodrow the Woodsman, television personality, and a Santa Claus who rode up in a bright red rapid transit car. The climax of the evening was the lighting of the many Christmas trees erected in the center of the Square.

Stouffer's Restaurant treated the choir to hot cocoa and chocolate-chip cookies, and in return they sang carols in Stouffer's main dining room. Toward the end of the evening the choir broke up into little groups which walked around the Square caroling.

Shaker alternates with Cleveland in providing the singing for the ceremony each year.

A few of the members of the A Cappella Choir harmonize as they prepare for their annual Christmas Concert on December 21.

Social Council, PTA Entertain Faculty's Sons and Daughters

Shaker was graced with an epidemic of "Claus-trophobia" after school on Monday, December 17, at the annual Faculty Christmas Party. Santa Claus, balloons, and puppets were only a few of the festive aspects of the party which delighted the sons and daughters of the faculty.

Santa Claus Jim Horsburgh was on hand to hear any stray Christmas wishes and to present gifts, furnished by the P.T.A., to the youngsters. Each child had his own personal baby sitter, a member of first semester Social Council, whose job it was to insure that the child received refreshments and, in general, enjoyed himself.

A puppet show and a magician provided entertainment for the party. Producer Janet Little headed a group of self-organized puppeteers, consisting of Becky Good, Ruth Shehan, Pat LaMond and Carol Lindow. Magician Marc Tessler mystified a captive audience with some feats of magic.

Santa Jim presented each child with a balloon provided by the P.T.A. and the Social Council. Balloons in hand, the youngsters participated in group singing, led by the Chanticleers, and then marched in a grand parade.

The Faculty Christmas party, which is traditional at Shaker, provided the children with a very enjoyable party. The children were especially happy with Santa Claus, and, as one girl said, "Look! A real live Santa Claus!"

Christmas Alumni Concert Features Handel's Chorus

Shakerites are rushing to buy their tickets for the annual Christmas Alumni Concert which will be given tonight at 8:30.

The A Cappella Choir, the Concert Choir, and the Girls' Glee Club will be performing in the high school auditorium.

Holiday Music

The auditorium will be filled with joyous holiday music to be climaxed by Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" in which all Shaker choir alumni will be invited to participate with the three choirs.

The program, planned by Reynold Ellis, will encompass a variety of musical selections appropriate to the season.

The soloists will be Marianne Coplan, Cortis Engram, Bob Hopper, Fred Lissauer, Marcie Ross, Judd Stroud, and Jackie Zucker.

The A Cappella's selections will feature Gian Carlo Minotti's "Shepherds' Chorus" from "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and "He's Gone Away," a Negro spiritual, to name a few.

The Concert Choir will join the A Cappella in a number of songs. They will be wearing their new robes for the first time tonight.

Prelude

The evening promises to be an enjoyable one, especially as a prelude to the Christmas vacation, and the climax to the choirs' holiday performances.

Tickets may be obtained from any choir member or at the door tonight for 75 cents.

Underprivileged Treated by Hi-Y

The annual Hi-Y Christmas party for underprivileged children was held at the Heights' YMCA on Sunday afternoon, December 16, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At this time, approximately 20 children, 10 boys and 10 girls, from recreation centers received gifts and were entertained by the Hi-Y. Dick Bauernschmidt and Robin Kennedy perfomed a juggling act and a magician executed a magic show. Dave Herkner, dressed as Santa Claus, added the finishing touches to the Christmas party.

Homerooms Help to Support Annual Welfare Collection

Sponsoring a Christmas Welfare Drive that collected $1656.67 provided Shakerites with an opportunity to make the holiday season more enjoyable for many families in the needy areas of Greater Cleveland.

Participating in the drive were 72 homerooms. Each freely chose to support a family with monetary contributions at Christmas. Four homerooms also collected gifts of food, clothing, and toys. In addition, these homerooms have taken the responsibility of contacting the recipients and seeing to the delivery of the gifts themselves.

Families Chosen

The Christmas Family Division of the County Welfare Bureau selected the families on the basis of their needs. The donation will help provide the 72 families with Christmas dinners and useful articles needed and wanted by the families concerned.

Homeroom Goals

The participating homerooms chose a goal and then selected from a group of descriptions the family they wished to support. The Welfare Committee, chairmanned by Jeanne Brown, supervised the drive with the aid of the individual Student Council representatives.

The student benefaction will be the only aid these families will receive during the Yuletide season. Each year the families fortunate enough to receive Shakerites' help write thank you notes to try to express their gratitude for the service we have accomplished in this effort.

The Christmas project, long a Shaker tradition, was first organized by a district committee of the Associated Charities of Cleveland, made up of interested residents of Shaker Heights in 1933. The committee was known as the Barnett Group, commemorating General James Barnett, a great Cleveland reformer in the 1880's.

Physics Students "Play Hookey" Visit NASA Space Science Fair

Anyone driving down Van Aken at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 30 might have assumed that twenty high school students had decided to play hookey.

These high school physics students were on their way to see *The Plain Dealer*-NASA Space Science Fair. Accompanied by their teacher, Wayne L. French, the would-be scientists took the Rapid downtown and split up for lunch.

They met at the Public Auditorium at noon for a general lecture about America's space program. Following this, they again separated, this time for special lectures.

There were lectures on bioastronautics, astrophysics, planetary physics, scientific measurement, space communications, and space craft navigation. Others were on planning the space mission, designing the spacecraft, and spacecraft propulsion.

After the lectures, the students circulated among the exhibits. Models of the X-15 and the Apollo, the Mercury Atlas 6, and Commander Carpenter's Mercury capsule Aurora VII were on display.

Among the many exhibits presented at the Space Science Fair was a launch of Mercury-Atlas 6.

Santa Claus, Reindeer, Tree Attend Gala Christmas Affair

Merchants, with stores full of gifts, like to think the holiday season began when the lights were strung along Chagrin Boulevard and around Shaker Square, but for Shakerites, Christmas started with the annual Christmas dance.

The dance was held on December 15 in the girls' gym from 8:30 through 12:00. To add to Christmas spirit a Christmas tree was erected in the Social Room and a fire was burned in the fireplace.

Santa Claus and his eight reindeer adorned the main wall of the gym, and evergreens and snowflakes covered the other three walls. Students made these decorations in their spare time. Bob Patty and his orchestra provided music for dancing. Many alumni who were home for the holidays attended.

Miss Marion Thomas and the Social Council sponsored the dance. The Council decided to have tickets sold for $1.50 per couple in advance and $2.00 per couple at the door. This was the first time this had been tried.

Dave Sachs was responsible for announcements concerning the dance over the public address system. Refreshments were served in the Social Room.

Christmas Welfare

"Charity begins at home." People have been repeating this maxim for years. It ought to be amended to read, "Charity begins in the home and continues in the school."

This year, Shakerites have proven the maxim true by their response to the Christmas welfare campaign, sponsored by the Cleveland Welfare Federation. Homeroom representatives collected more money this year than in 1961. More important, perhaps, is the fact that over three-fourths of the homerooms which participated in the drive reached their goals.

For those families receiving aid through the Welfare Federation, the financial support which they obtain from homerooms in Shaker Heights High School at Christmas often provides the only money with which they can buy food, clothing, and toys during the holiday season. Receiving this money, therefore, is important to the families, many of which are on relief.

In addition to money, several homerooms collected food, clothing, and toys which they presented to their families. Of course, the giving of gifts other than money is impossible unless the members of the family involved specify that they will allow the extra gifts to be presented directly to them. Unfortunately, this is not often the case.

It seems that if a system could be evolved for providing all of the families with food, clothing, and toys in addition to the money already given, the welfare program would be highly enriched. Of necessity, this system would have to meet with the approval of the families and of the Welfare Federation. Perhaps the extra gifts could be presented to the Federation for distribution to the families as the money is now.

These gifts would show the families that we are more personally involved in the program. Also, it would give us a feeling that we were helping *people*, not merely statistics, letters, or names.

Nancy Coben

Future Scientist Coben Interviewed on TV Show

By Patty Richards

Nancy Coben appeared on the Paige Palmer Show on Thanksgiving morning, along with four other girls. Later, on November 28, she and Mrs. Jean Brattin attended a dinner given by the Zonta Club of Cleveland in the Statler-Hilton's grand ballroom.

Because the Science Department chose Nancy as the girl with the most outstanding record in science and math, she had the opportunity to meet four girls from Heights High School, Laurel, Notre Dame Academy and West Technical High School. Together they attended both the TV show and the Zonta Club dinner.

Business Women

The Zonta Club is a group of qualified professional and executive businesswomen assembled to promote the role of women in the public affairs of their community. In honor of Amelia Earhart, once a member, the club awards a graduate scholarship for a woman planning to go into the field of aeronautics.

Of the five girls Nancy is the only one who could benefit from this scholarship since only she plans to study astronautical engineering after four years at M.I.T., where she has already been accepted.

Although their interview on the Paige Palmer Show lasted a total of only three minutes, the dinner at the Statler proved to be somewhat more enriching.

Distinguished Women

Here Jacqueline Cochran and Jerrie Cobb were the featured speakers. Jacqueline Cochran holds over 100 flying records for women and Jerrie Cobb is the only woman in the United States qualified to be an astronaut.

Students Are Occupied With Deluge of Tests

For students at Shaker, it seems that the only purpose for Saturdays is to make time for all of the standardized tests which are required by various colleges.

On Oct. 20, the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test was given. Then on Saturday, November 10, the American College Test was given. Following these, the Iowa Tests of Educational Development were administered. The A.C.T. is required for admission to state universities of Ohio.

Perhaps the most important standardized test for many students at Shaker is the Scholastic Aptitude Test. This test, required by many colleges, is given at five different times each year.

At these times the Achievement Tests are also offered. In addition, a Writing Sample may also be taken either in conjunction with the Achievements or alone. Students from many other schools also come to Shaker to take these tests, for Shaker has been selected as one of the testing centers of Cleveland.

Though the scores of the above-mentioned tests taken by a student would seem ample to indicate to an admissions office whether a student is qualified or not, there remain various other tests for the prospective college student. There are those tests for scholarships such as the Ohio General Scholarship Test.

Around the Town

Troubadors, King Tut's Treasure, Musical to Brighten Xmas Season

By Diane Diamond

Cleveland will celebrate with cool college capers over the chilly Christmas calendar. The two-week vacation affords Shakerites an opportunity to enjoy a variety of holiday entertainment and festivities.

Folksingers will be strumming enthusiastically at two after-theatre night spots. "Faraghers," located on South Taylor, will feature Ted Brown and one other act, perhaps the Dalton Brothers. Don Paulin and Buffy St. Marie will appear at "La Cave" on Euclid Avenue. Shakerites who have stopped by at these cafes seem to like the entertainment and atmosphere.

Lighthearted Comedy

The legitimate theatres are presenting some lighthearted comedy productions to correspond to the holiday spirit. "The American Dream" which lampoons family life in suburbia, will be paired with another one-act satire, "The Bald Soprano," a play which pokes fun at European households.

"Sunday in New York," a comedy set in the "big city" is at the Drury. Two musicals, "Paint Your Wagon" and "The Bible Salesman" will be presented at Karamu.

Ancient Egyptian art lovers—here's your chance to view "Tutankhamun's Treasures," a display of objects from a king's tomb. Slightly more modern in outlook is the "Mark Tobey Retrospective Exhibition." Both of these collections and also an exhibition on "Contemporary British Art" can be viewed at the Art Museum.

Vitra and Victor

On December 27 and 29, the Cleveland Orchestra will present concerts featuring pianists Vitra Vronsky and Victor Babin will be the assisting artists in a program which includes Dvorak, Mozart, Saint-Saens and Smetana. Pianist David Bar-Ilian will perform with the Symphony on January 3 and 5.

For those "watching their waistlines" or for those content to watch others, the winter sports program is in full force. Northfield is open for skating every afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30 and every night except Wednesday from 8:30 until 11:00.

Hard-fought hockey games with the battling Barons will be played at the Arena on December 22 and 29, and watch those Globe Trotters shoot for baskets on December 30.

Here's hoping you try one of these suggestions for having fun "around the town"!

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Season's Greetings from The Staff

Exam Bang To Return

After a week of exams, weary Shakerites will finally have a chance to let off steam with a bang—at the Exam Bang, which will be held the week of January 21.

In the past the Exam Bang has resembled a huge carnival, complete with cotton candy, sponge throwing, fortune telling and balloon shaving. Students can let out their emotions by pounding nails into boards, and teachers can take a breather from grading those exams by appearing in the faculty skit.

Neither students nor teachers do any of the work of setting up and manning the booths. Traditionally the P.T.A. takes all the responsibility for giving everyone a good time after a long, hard week.

Pre-Med Club Plans Active Year; Members Work on Blood, Kidneys

Pre-Med Club's thirty selected members are having an active and rewarding year, according to club President Stu Zetzer.

Their program includes a visit to the artificial heart lab of the Cleveland Clinic, after which Dr. Donald Effler will show and explain a film on open heart surgery.

Members Tour Hospital

They will also tour Babies' and Children's Hospital where Dr. Earl Smith, head of pediatrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital, will hold a question and answer period.

Visiting Shaker are Dr. Rudolph Reich, a famous bone surgeon; Dr. Ben Levine of Mt. Sinai Hospital, and Dr. Arthur Roth, head of neurology at Suburban Community Hospital and Cleveland General Metropolitan Hospital.

Pre-Med club activities include a 14-member research team headed by Stuart Zetzer which is doing kidney research in Albino rats under the supervision of Dr. Harry Goldblatt.

Vice-president Dick Klein is in charge of the blood study of Shaker students, now in its third year. At present, he is training members so that they may help type the blood of all biology students in the spring.

Yule Be Sorry

By Jim Lowe

Fractured

During the Cleveland newspaper strike, I have noticed an increasing interest in the news of the day. For the benefit of those of you who have lost track of what has been going on in the past few weeks, here are some of the headlines you might have missed.

On the National and International Scene:

Eisenhower Lauds Kennedy
Nasser Invites Ben-Gurion to Christian Dinner
John Bersford Tipton Declares Bankruptcy
Ben Casey's New Drill Slips

On the Local Scene:

Shaker not the Richest Suburb
Cleveland Selected as Red Target Site
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Shaker College Applications Sent to North Pole
Seven Elves Sent to Princeton
Dante not Dondi's Father
Seven Indians Traded for Gary Knotwerthit
3 out of 4 Doctors Choose Aspirin, But Trix Are for Kids.

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A Plea

No doubt there has been a lot of loose talk again this year about the commerciality of Christmas and Chanukah. Many cynics even favor abolishing these holidays. In defense of these yearly celebrations, I have devised a list of five different reasons why we should not scorn these holidays:

1. It might stop snowing
2. When would teachers find time to grade the tests that we found time to take?
3. Santa Claus would go bankrupt
4. Fort Lauderdale would go bankrupt
5. *The Shakerite* could not have a Christmas issue containing pretty pictures and funny jokes.

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You Bet

Las Vegas school teachers are faced with a unique problem each year as they attempt to educate the children of that community.

Teacher: "Billy, show the class how far we've progressed in our counting lesson."

Billy: "Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Jack, Queen, King, Ace."

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Beware

There is a tale told 'round the world about the Christmas Monster, yet Shakerites seem totally unaware of the story. For you, my friends, this is how the story goes. Each year, with only ten more shopping days 'til Christmas, the Christmas Monster starts his rounds, visiting all houses where boys and girls (that pretty much covers it) live. If the Monster (who, incidentally, invented the "Monster Mash") finds his prey (anyone sullen or morose), he secretly inspires teachers to assign homework (preferably term papers) over the Vacation. As a public service, I have searched high and low for a solution to this mysterious plague. At last, after five years, I have come upon the answer. Yes, you guessed it!

Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Santa Finds Reindeer Unruly; Rudolph Wants to Go to Vegas

Editor's Note: On a cold, snowy day in December, editors Barb Epstein and Cory Forman journeyed to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus and to put in a good word for Shakerites. Here is their on-the-scene report:

We hadn't visited Santa in approximately ten years, so we were naturally a bit apprenhensive as we approached the elegant, fir-lined door.

Rudolph greeted us at the entrance and assured us that we had nothing to worry about because, he said, "Santa is probably more nervous than you. After all, it isn't every day that two 17-year-old girls come to see him."

"So where's your hall pass?"

Nervous Santa

We felt better after that, so we ventured in. As it happened, Santa *was* more nervous than we were. We were assured of that when he sat down on Barb's lap and told her what he wanted for Christmas.

We pointed out his error, noting that Santa was getting absent-minded in his old age, and then we rearranged ourselves on his lap.

"I suppose you want your two front teeth," he ventured, leaning over and pulling up two pairs of two front teeth. Then he took a closer look and realized that we already had them.

Busy Shakerites

We explained to him that acutally, we had come to give the Shaker faculty and student body an up to date report on his progress because we felt that everyone had been too busy to find out for themselves.

We asked how Santa's reindeer were, and Santa admitted that when flying over the West Coast, he has some trouble with Rudolph, who always wants to stop in Vegas.

When we asked if Santa had any apprehensions about flying over Cuber, he replied, "No, it is my intentions to fly with viga."

Being a Santa Claus does have its problems, such as competition, but Santa is confident.

"Do you believe in the Wizard of Oz?" we asked, and he replied, "He'll never sell like me."

Besides the problem of competition, there is the problem which arises when a reindeer gets a flat, but that is unusual.

Unusual Experience

Santa's most unusual experience this year, he said, was "being interviewed by you girls."

In all seriousness, our "Santa" was Dennis Butler, a student of law at Cleveland Marshall Law School, who is a Santa Claus at downtown Higbees.

At the close of our interview, we asked him this question, "Do you believe in yourself?"

He replied, "Anyone who believes in goodness, synoymously believes in Santa Claus, because Christmas is that time of year when all men try to free their hearts from everyday inward evils so as to think of their fellow man before themselves.

"This spirit is displayed in a gratuitous manner, because self denial in favor of another is one of the finest examples of love. Love is goodness in motion; therefore, I believe, as everyone, in Santa Claus."

Increased Stamp Prices Threaten Local Peace

By Susie Weisberger

Shaker students should view the recent decision of the Post Office to raise the price of stamps from 4c to 5c with alarm. We wonder if the legislators have seriously considered the potentially disastrous effects of this on the national economy.

First of all, although the increase is slight, it is reflective of a trend. Inflation may start with something small, but before you know it, college students may not be able to afford to write home for money. Long distance phone calls will increase and the art of letter writing will be lost. The 4-cent stamp has gone the way of the 3-cent stamp which has gone the way of the 2-cent stamp which has gone the way of the 1-cent stamp which has gone.

Care packages will become too costly and international relations will be affected. America may find herself on the threshold of another Stamp Act disaster. As a sign of protest, citizen groups are collecting funds to purchase tea for the Cleveland Indians to dump into Lake Erie.

To avert this catastrophe, some have suggested that extrasensory perception be taught in the nation's high schools. Others have proposed carrier pigeons and still others have suggested that a smaller, economy-size stamp be made with the motto, "We will never be licked again."

We think these proposals are not practical. We think it far better to organize a Student Council committee which can, with far greater discussion and far more wasted effort, achieve the same lack of results on this issue more effectively.

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Faculty Spotlight

Critic Proves Venerated Illusion False; Classic Old Favorite Song Reclassified

By James Snavely

"Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight."

"Jingle bells! Jingle bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh."

Literary criticism may often be misleading, particularly if it is affected by popular ideas which have become associated with a specific work or works. Such is the case with the classic Christmas poem "Jingle Bells." To date critics have tended to view this work either as SONG or as part of Christmas musical tradition.

Such analyses, formulated as they are on these somewhat subjective assumptions, focus on the most obvious aspects of structure and content and are satisfied to attribute to the poem only one level of meaning. The following attempts to deal with "Jingle Bells" in a more objective manner — that is, to consider the poem as "poem" and thereby reveal its true meaning.

The poem appears to celebrate, in flexible dactylic hexameter, the ebullience and light-spirited joyousness of Christmas in particular and winter in general. Certainly the rhythmic regularity and lightness of tone seem to support such a view; so does the text itself.

Purity of Purpose

The word "dashing" in line 1 suggests rapid, excited movement, the word "snow" in the same line freshness and purity of purpose (perhaps the whiteness of the snow may symbolize the spiritual nature of Christmas).

In line 2 the word "laughing" continues the themes of celebration and joy; in line 3 the phrases "Bells on bob-tail ring" (note the double meaning of bob-tail—it indicates motion as well as condition) and "spirits bright" ("spirits" may well be associated with the spiritualness of Christmas theme) serve a similar purpose.

The exclamation "What fun" in the last line of the stanza and the refrain "Jingle bells! Jingle bells! . . ." complete the image of song and celebration that seems to be central to the poem's meaning.

Camouflage

What scholars have failed to consider is that the surface meaning of the poem is a clever ironic camouflage of the real meaning. The key lies in the word "sleigh." Notice that it is first introduced at the end of line 1, is restated as "sleighing" in line 4, and finally occurs as the final word of the refrain. Such emphasis must suggest that we have here not the meaning "sleigh—a vehicle on runners" but rather the meaning of the sound-related word "SLAY—to kill."

Applying this to the text, we can see that the poem deals not with a joyful winter ride in the snow but with a hunt, and what is more important, a night hunt (line 4, word 12). Already we can sense the presence of something sinister, something evil.

The word "dashing" now refers to the urgent, frenzied chase through the "snow" (now ironically white in the midst of a black adventure). The laughing in line 2 becomes not the happy laughter of a sleighride but the sinister, sardonic cry of the hunters stalking the hunted.

Real "cool" English teacher is snowed under with work as he journeys into his homeroom.

The "spirits" are now the demons of night and darkness (echoing perhaps New England Witchcraft), "bright" at the prospect of the kill. In the same line "bob-tail" assumes the meaning "cut short, deficient," implying unnaturalness and thus evil. "What fun" becomes the sadistic ejaculation which accompanies the "Sl(ay)ing song," which, of course, in the refrain that follows.

In terms of the ironic symbolism of the poem, this refrain is seen now to be the repeated, irrational cry of the hunt. Note that the clipped rhythm of the first line suggests an excited, illogical state of mind (the repetitive use of the exclamation point accents this rhythm).

Santa Victimized

It now remains to determine who or what is the object of this sinister, nocturnal chase — who is the hunted. The refrain provides a clue to his identity: "kill the fox," the usual hunter's cry, has been replaced by "Jingle bells." And in the following line we find no reference to the lair of the fox but to a "sleigh." Is it not obvious?

The object of the chase (the prey, the hunted) is SANTA CLAUS, central figure of the Christmas myth. The poem is actually a cleverly organized attempt to destroy the very tradition of which it is a part!

We must not let this happen—we must fight! We must rip these evil lines from every Christmas songbook. We must preserve the sanctity of Christmas and protect our great Toy-deliverer. Let us unite in one universal, exultant cry—"There IS a Santa Claus!"

Tree Trimmers Ann-Yule Fun

A group of Shakerites looked like Santa's busy helpers as they decorated the Christmas tree which now stands in the middle of the social room.

All who wished to participate gathered together in the social room Tuesday, December 11.

Accompanied by a band playing Christmas melodies and sustained by refreshments from the snack bar, they dressed the tree in its Christmas best.

Seminar Gives School Advice

To prevent an over-all picture of every aspect of the Shaker Heights School system is the purpose of the Know Your Schools Senimars which are held the second Thursday of each month in the Social Room at Shaker Heights High School.

The Know Your Schools Seminars are meetings between school administrators and two selected groups from the P. T. A. units and the League of Women Voters. A different group of people is chosen each year so that more citizens can have the chance to learn more about their school system.

The next scheduled meeting is January 17. The topic for this meeting is the state school legislation in Columbus.

The goals of the school system presented by Superintendent Dr. Donald Emery, the financial organization, the changing curriculum, the elementary schools, and personnel, are topics which were or will be presented this year.

Mrs. William Middough, vice-president of the P. T. A., and Mrs. Norman Davies, chairman of the League of Women Voters, are responsible for the organization of this sixth season of *the Know Your School Seminars.*

Hot Off the Presses . . . 1975

By Pat Freiberg

The United States has successfully sent a man to the moon. Barry Goldwater reports that all systems are A-OK, except he is having trouble speaking Russian to the moonmen.

Pat Lawford, head of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, sentenced Caroline Kennedy to two months' volunteer work in the children's ward of a nearby hospital. Caroline was reported doing fifty in a thirty.

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Ben Casey will do a guest appearance on Dr. Kildare April 1st. The famed neurosurgeon will perform a special operation on Kildare. Dr. Kildare will be replaced in May by a new series, starring Raymond Massey.

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The Cleveland area was besieged by the heaviest snowstorm since 1962 last week. All schools closed except the Shaker school system, which has a new type of air service to transport pupils to school in any weather.

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Richard M. Nixon reported yesterday that he will run in 1976 for Los Angeles coroner.

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In celebration of New Year's Eve, West Berliners were out painting the wall red.

Students Submit Schedules Requesting Favorite Gifts

Most seniors at Shaker have already submitted their college applications. But there are other applications that only some Shaker students have submitted.

These are applications to Santa Claus telling him what they want for Christmas.

Besides the usual requests for "two front teeth," snow shovels, and gorillas, there were many other requests.

Vacation Pleas

There were a number of people who wanted to go on trips. **Charles Hendrickson** wants a trip to Florida, **Kathy Black** wants a one-way trip to Cincinnati, **Cindy Wallack** wants a one-way trip to Detroit, "if necessary, by Santa's sleigh." **Dan Hanna** wants a trip to New York, and **Barbara Heine** wants to go to Colorado.

Mike Bonfils doesn't care what he gets—as long as it's money.

Richard Bernstein wants an "A" in Algebra, **Eileen Kurlander** wants a homework-doing machine.

Nancy Coben will take anything Santa wants to give her, while **Dee Dee Burton** very definitely wants a penguin. **Mike Liff** wants a new "Nimrod," and **Sue Cahn** wants an automatic slide rule.

Teeth Requests

Besides requests for two front teeth, one person wants his two back molars, and another wants to be rid of his teeth. **Margaret Schwebel** wants to be rid of her bite-plate, and **Patricia Rowe** wants to be rid of her braces.

Kurt Kendis wants a Geisha girl and **Burton Randall** wants longer vacations.

Wardrobe Wares

Noreen Gilford, Lea Palmer, Peggy Heine, Pat Haver, and **Joyce Newman** want wardrobe accessories or, in some cases, complete wardrobes!

These people have already turned in their applications. Don't delay! Hurry and tell Santa what **you** want for Christmas.

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Girls Participate In Winter Sports

The girls' sports winter season is being ushered in by large turnouts for the intramural and varsity volleyball games. In another facet, the Girls' Swimming Leaders Club has taken charge of keeping the scores and times for the Shaker Varsity swimming meets.

Volleyball intramurals are open to all girls who wish to come and play on their class nights. There is also open volleyball on Monday and Friday nights. Sophomore girls play on Wednesdays, juniors on Thursdays, and the seniors on Tuesdays. The girls signed up on teams of ten at the beginning of the season. Each week a schedule of games is organized by the Girls' Gym Leaders who are in charge of the program.

Varsity Program

Each week after the regular intramural games, the varsity program is held. All girls who were interested came to two tryout sessions, after which a varsity team for each class was chosen. These teams play against other schools in the area. The first game is scheduled for the week before Christmas; the senior varsity will play Hathaway Brown School.

Besides volleyball and swimming activities, girls participate in other activities during gym classes.

Shouts of "en garde" and "touche" may be heard from *the old elbow* room where girls partake in fencing.

For girls who want to lose weight, the body mechanics class "guarantees inches lost."

Jeannie Strickler runs in to hit the volleyball.

College Corner ★ Harvard Offers Many Activities For Varying Student Interests

Editor's Note: Hank Kronenberg, freshman at Harvard College and former Editor-in-Chief of The Shakerite, writes of his experiences there.

I'd like to begin this article by first explaining why I really have no business writing it. Harvard is something different for everyone here, and consequently no one can make any accurate statements about campus life in general. (Come to think of it, that's a generalization, too, but this is getting too confusing.) There are several reasons for this situation, and I hope that by describing them I can give you a more personal picture of Harvard.

Harvard's administration tries as much as possible to be inconspicious. Of course, I have no real source of comparison, but the Harvard propaganda machine (which, by the way, is even more effective than Shaker's) tells us that the undergraduate in Cambridge is more on his own than most college students.

I found that out the first week here during a conference with my adviser, a graduate law student. I asked him which German course I should take and found myself explaining the two different introductory courses to him.

This practically non-existent advisory system, coupled with the negligible course requirements and the absence of fraternities makes it clear from the beginning that all our decisions will be our own.

This independence is immediately put to the test by some extremely difficult courses. Fortunately most of them are as interesting as they are hard.

Boston's activities as well as Cambridge's easily accessible and inexpensive plays, lectures, exhibitions, and movies make spare time easy to fill. In addition Harvard has an extensive athletic program on levels varying from varsity football to intramural rugby.

The most distinctive part of Harvard, however, is the student body itself. The statistics show an extensive geographical distribution of undergraduates, but that only tells half the story. The diversity of interests and abilities here is even more remarkable. To sum up, as our now famous alumnus, Ted Kennedy, used to say, "There's more than one way to get through Harvard."

Twirl-Twitch Switch To Spark Pep Rally

Baton-twirling cheerleaders and cheering majorettes will brighten the pep rally after school today for the basketball games and swimming meet this weekend.

This exchange of roles is the realization of an idea developed by both groups. The cheerleaders, under the direction of Dee Dee Burton, will attempt the majorettes' routine for the fight song. The majorettes, headed by JoAnna Comella, will lead several cheers.

To prepare for this switch the seven majorettes and the seven cheerleaders convened and tutored each other at many practice sessions. Majorettes soon mastered the gestures and shouts of cheerleading. Most of the cheerleaders were beginners in the artistry of baton twirling and had to practice frequently to acquire the finger agility and body coordination necessary.

The groups considered trading uniforms for this event but it was not feasible because of the dissimilarity of sizes. For the remainder of the pep rally the cheerleaders and majorettes will revert to their usual duties.

Girls Accepted Into College

As of December 11, 1962, twenty-eight senior girls have already been accepted to various colleges.

Rozanne Gaines, Jeannie Lindheim, Ferne Mishkind, and **Bonnie Spitalny** have been admitted to Ohio University.

Those who have already been accepted at Miami University are **Judy Einstein, Nancy Freedman, Doris Koplik, Peggy Lubert, Caryl Meyer, Jan Piwonka, Mary Reid,** and **Anne Smith.**

Five girls have already been admitted to the University of Michigan. They are **Jeanne Brown, Anabel Oleck, Sue Piwonka, Jackie Sand,** and **Cecily Simon.**

Around the Boston area, **Kathy Stone** has been accepted at Wellesley College, and **Peggy Printz** got into **Smith College. Andrea Kochman** will go to Vassar College, and **Nancy Coben** has been accepted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Laura Shapiro has an acceptance at Wheelock College, and **Jane Breuer** has been admitted to Boston University.

Accepted at the College of Notre Dame is **Norma Fischer,** and **Freddie Malman** has been admitted to Middlebury College.

Laurie Cholfin has an acceptance to Northwestern University, and **Karen Thomas** has been admitted to Hillsdale College.

Diana Norton has been admitted to Knox College and Betsy Geller was accepted at Michigan State University.

Council Representative Views 'Typical' Meeting

By Jeff Klein

President Engels: Will the meeting please come to order?
Representative Chokill: I object.
President Engels: To what?
Representative Chokill: To calling the meeting to order.
President Engels: Will the secretary please read the minutes of the last meeting?
Secretary Wiseberger: At our last meeting Mr. Ruff spoke to us on the duties of the Student Council.
Representative Hexer: How do you spell his name?
Secretary Wiseberger: I object.
(Everybody begins to argue as to the spelling of Mr. Ruff's name.)
President Engels: Order please! Then it's agreed that the minutes are accepted. Today we must elect the sophomore representative to the Executive Club. Nominations are open.
(After 30 minutes bickering during which little is accomplished, four candidates are nominated—by themselves.)
Representative Hipsman: I make a motion that the nominations be closed.
(Since nobody wants to second it, he seconds it himself.)
President Engels: All in favor.
(Only one hand is raised.)
President Engels: All opposed.
(Everybody raises his hand.)
President Engels: Nominations are closed. This will be an open vote.
(Everybody votes more than once.)
President Engels: So the sophomore representative to the Executive Club is Candidate A.
Candidate B: I protest. I demand a recount.
(Recount is taken with Candidate C getting the majority of the votes.)
Other candidates in unison: I PROTEST!
President Engels: The meeting is adjourned.
(The president runs from the room before the candidates can reach him.)
Later, out in the hall: The faculty adviser is unfair. Now an unruly mob is forming. Somebody has a rope. Now I don't see why—.

Snowstorm and Whiskers Come to School System

Ah remember that day two weeks ago,
When the snow did fall and the wind did blow,
Then came the day we've awaited
When Shaker said, "Our schools are abated."

We woke with joy (at the hour of eleven)
And felt we were in Seventh Heaven.
Soon phone lines were buzzing throughout the city,
None carried the message, "Oh what a pity!"

We overheard these conversations
And few they were in protestations.
"Why Seymore what luck this is,
We're gonna miss the biology quiz."
and
"This must have been some sprightly gnome's quirk
For I hadn't done my geometry homework."

Yes, all were happy and all were gay,
And laughter was abundant
'Till "What the heck can we do today?"
Became the cry redundant.

There is a rumor goin' round,
Perhaps you've heard already,
That Santa has a teen-age girl
Who's looking for a steady.

They say she's like her father,
A bit plump but very jolly,
That she will steal a boy's heart
And take it as a folly.

Girls, we've given you fair warning
And now it's up to you
To see that Christmas morning,
Your fella still is true.

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It seems that here at Shaker
Unbelief is the rule;
That Santa is a faker
And doesn't come each Yule.

But did you ever notice
And can you now remember
Jovial Mr. Cramer's whiskers
Which lengthen each December.

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Nimrod

by Mike Liff

The Shaker swimming team will once again be a strong contender for the Lake Erie League championship. It was thought by some that with the loss of such stalwarts as Bill Haas, Bill Smith, Bob Turnbull, and Jim Myers, the Shaker team would have to undergo a rebuilding that would dim any championship aspirations.

Coach Stark has had to do some rebuilding and the losses from last year's team do not seem to be as great as thought before. There is another Haas on the varsity. Against Kent he placed second in the 400-yard freestyle, a promising start for the talented sophomore.

Another sophomore on the varsity is Rennie Crane. In his first varsity meet against Kent, Crane won the 100-yard breaststroke in a 1:07.8 clocking, a time comparable to that with which Bill Smith won the state championship two years ago.

It is the returning lettermen from last year's team that hold the key to Shaker's success or failure this season.

Senior Kurt Kendis, who won his event against Kent, has shown he has done nothing but improve and could very likely be the state champion in the 400-yard freestyle. At any rate he is almost a sure five points in every dual meet.

Junior Ken LaVetter has a chance, if not this year, next year for a state championship. LaVetter, in his first time trial, broke the existing school record for the 100-yard freestyle. Against Kent a bad turn was responsible for his second place finish, but like Kendis, he is an almost sure five points for the dual meets.

Another letterman whose name is consistently omitted from lists of returning lettermen is diver Dave Furth. Furth won the diving event in the Kent meet and it is hoped that he will be adding many more points to Shaker's point totals in future meets.

With more strong showings Haas and Crane, and usual fine performances by LaVetter, Kendis, and the other seniors, the Shaker mermen will have another set of numerals to sew *on their jackets.*

Grapplers Win, Then Lose; JayVees' Record the Same

Although losing a close meet to West Tech, the Shaker Grapplers came back strongly to crush Warrensville, for their first victory of the young wrestling season.

Bob Wolkin pinned his man and Jim Eisenberg, Dick Stepp, and Don Loveman scored on decisions with George Rinehart tying in the West Tech clash, a match which was much closer than the score, 22 to 16.

In the second meet against Warrensville, Stuart Math received five points from a forfeit and Roger Davies, Burt Weiss, and George Rinehart pinned their opponents. Jim Eisenberg, Dick Stepp, Vic Dann, and Rick Cooper won on decisions. Paul Rothschild tied his man.

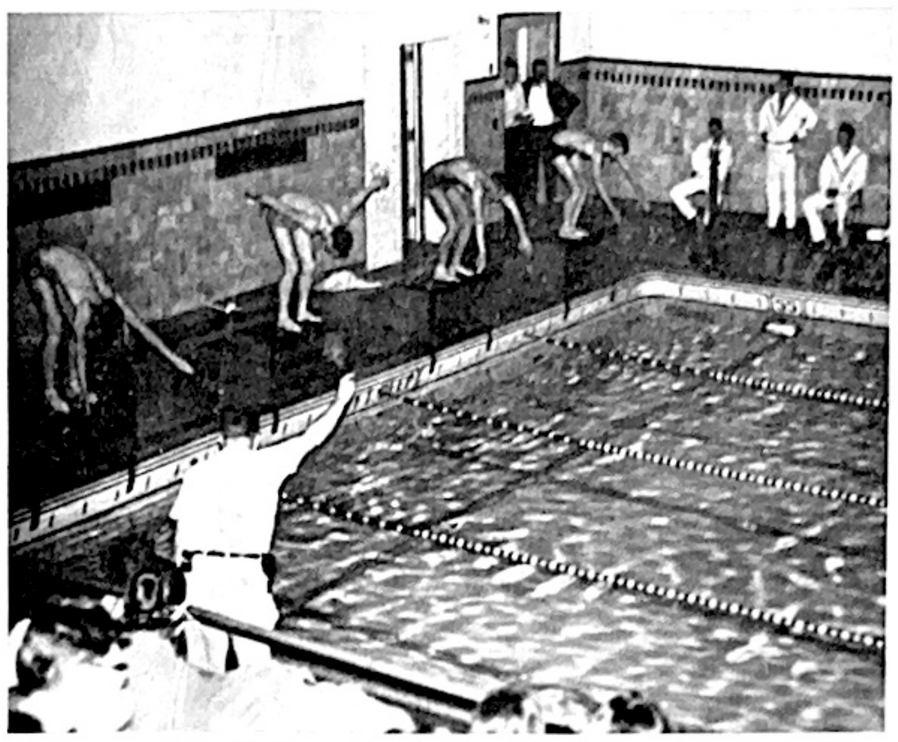
Coach Ed Zednick's starting varsity wrestling team is comprised of the following boys: Stuart Math at 103, Co-Captain Roger Davies at 112, Co-Captain Jim Eisenberg at 120, Dick Stepp at 127, Vic Dann at 133, Bob Wolkin at 138, Don Loveman at 145, Paul Rothschild at 154, Rick Cooper at 165, Burt Weiss at 175, and George Rinehart in the heavy-weight division.

On December 10, the Shaker Junior Varsity Wrestling Squad trounced an important Warrensville Heights High School Squad, 45-6. In the opening match of the season against West Tech, the JayVee wrestlers lost a tight match, 28-23.

After these first two meets, four wrestlers remained undefeated. They were Roger Bamberger, Larry Golub, Captain Bob Page, and Jerry Spector. Both Spector and Page won both of their events by pins. Other outstanding team members are Jim Polster, Rocco Deluca, Don Middleton, David Burke, Willie Loszynski, Tony Meldon and Fearless Freddie Jacobs.

Captain Page points out that the JayVee squad of this year will make a powerful varsity squad next year.

On January 4, the Red Raider Wrestling Squad will travel to Valley Forge.



Swimmers take their marks for the 100-yd. freestyle during the meet with Kent High School.

Rangers Raid Shaker 71-52; Cagers Face Tough Series

Poor shooting and lack of rebounding caused Shaker's basketball Raiders to lose their first game this season as they fell to Lakewood High's Rangers, 71-52, on Saturday, December 15, at Lakewood.

Shooting accurately from outside, the Rangers pulled ahead to a 19-12 lead at the end of the first quarter, but a Shaker rally in the closing minutes of the half brought the Heinlenmen almost even at the intermission, 33-22.

Shooting Collapsed

Lakewood's man-to-man defense held Shaker to 12 points in the third period and the Rangers pulled farther ahead, 54-14. In the final quarter, the Raiders' shooting collapsed and Lakewood pulled out of range.

High men for Shaker were Jim Inglis with 13 points, and Bob Gross and Roger Cohen with 8 apiece, while Lakewood's Rich Mandrella topped all scorers with 20 points.

Tough Schedule

The Raiders have four tough games over the holidays. Tonight they visit Shaw High School, and tomorrow evening they travel to Euclid. On January 4, they visit Valley Forge, and on Saturday, January 5, they play host to Parma.

On Wednesday, December 5, Shaker's basketball Raiders whipped the Maple Heights Mustangs, 72-54, in the loser's gym.

Starting at top speed, the Heinlenmen controlled both boards and sank a fantastic 60% of their shots from the floor to take a 40-20 lead into the locker room at half-time.

Shaker settled down in the second half, and the Mustangs came within ten points several times in the third quarter, but, even with Coach Heinlen clearing the bench, the Raiders coasted to the finish.

High Scorer

High scorer for Shaker was Jim Inglis with 18 points, while Jerry Goetz and Bob Gross were next with 13 apiece.

Raiders Dunk Kent Swimmers In First Meet

The Shaker aquamen, avenging a 46-40 loss last year, sunk visiting Kent High 54-41 on December 5 in their first meet of the season.

The contest went down to the wire with Shaker's 160-yard freestyle relay team, consisting of Charles Brannon, Dennis Beeson, Pete Herkner, and Harry Greenfield, gaining seven points and a victory in the final event.

The Raider 160-yeard medley relay team of Jim Orr, Rennie Crane, Fred Weed, and Ken LaVetter got Shaker off to a good start with a win clocked at 1:24.2. In the 200-yard freestyle event, Kurt Kendis finished a close second to Bill Betzhold who shattered the old pool record with a time of 1:57.6.

Following losses in the 40-yard freestyle and 160-yard individual medley, in which Jack Betzhold set a pool record of 1:40.7, divers Dave Furth and Dan Hanna easily finished 1-2 respectively.

Kent rallied to take the lead, 36-34, with firsts in the 100-yard butterfly, freestyle, and backstroke events with these races remaining. But victories by Kurt Kendis, with a 4:23.8 clocking in the 400-yard freestyle, Rennie Crane, flashing home with a 1:07.8 timing in the 100-yard breaststroke, and the 160-yard freestyle relay team ended the threat.

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